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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF TRAINING

1. FOLLOWING QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN POSED BY TURKISH GENERAL
STAFF (TGS) REGARDING RESTRICTIONS IN 1976 INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS CONTROL ACT, ON TRANSFERS OF
TRAINING TO THIRD COUNTRIES. THESE POINTS WERE TRANSMITTED TO
EMBASSY BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH REQUEST FOR A PROMPT
REPLY:

A. TGS WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF THE
RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF TRAINING.

B. TGS HAS REQUESTED A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF THE COUNTRIES
TO WHICH TRAINING CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.

C. TGS SEEKS ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES WHEREBY THE GOT
WOULD SIMPLY NOTIFY THE USG AND NOT REPEAT NOT SEEK PRIOR
APPROVAL WHEN IT HAS DECIDED ON PROVIDING TRAINING TO A THIRD
PARTY. SUCH NOTIFICATION WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE TURKISH
MISSION TO NATO.

D. TGS WISHES TO KNOW IF IT CAN AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME THAT
THERE IS NO PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING THIRD COUNTRY TRAINING FOR
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EQUIPMENT PURCHASED BY THE THIRD COUNTRY FROM THE UNITED STATES.
FOR EXAMPLE, COULD TURKEY AUTOMATICALLY AND WITHOUT PRIOR USG
APPROVAL PROVIDE PILOT TRAINING TO IRANIANS TO FLY AIRCRAFT
WHICH IRAN HAD PURCHASED FROM THE UNITED STATES?

E. TGS WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER TRAINING PROVIDED TO OTHER
NATO AND CENTO COUNTRIES IS AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE
LEGISLATION GOVERNING TRANSFER OF THIRD PARTY TRAINING.

2. MFA OFFICIAL WHO TRANSMITTED TGS QUERIES AND COMMENTS,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS, UNAL UNSAL,
APPEARED SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED IN DOING SO AND SAID MFA HAD
ATTEMPTED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE GUIDANCE TO TGS BASED ON OUR
EARLIER EXPLANATIONS OF USG LEGISLATION BUT THAT TGS INSISTED
THAT MFA SPECIFICALLY RAISE THE ABOVE QUESTIONS WITH US.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE FOR
EARLY REPLY TO THE GOT.
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